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H. R. 3848

To reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2004

Mr. HERGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Work Promotion and
5 Independence Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR**
2 **NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**
3 **THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Activities authorized by part A of
5 title IV of the Social Security Act, and by sections 510,
6 1108(b), and 1925 of such Act, shall continue through
7 June 30, 2004, in the manner authorized for fiscal year
8 2003, notwithstanding section 1902(e)(1)(A) of such Act.
9 Grants and payments may be made pursuant to this au-
10 thority through the third quarter of fiscal year 2004 at
11 the level provided for such activities through the third
12 quarter of fiscal year 2003.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
14 403(a)(3)(H)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 603(a)(3)(H)(ii)) is amended by striking “March 31” and
16 inserting “June 30”.

17 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF THE NATIONAL RANDOM SAMPLE**
18 **STUDY OF CHILD WELFARE AND CHILD WEL-**
19 **FARE WAIVER AUTHORITY THROUGH JUNE**
20 **30, 2004.**

21 Activities authorized by sections 429A and 1130(a)
22 of the Social Security Act shall continue through June 30,
23 2004, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2003.
24 Grants and payments may be made pursuant to this au-
25 thority through the third quarter of fiscal year 2004 at

1 the level provided for such activities through the third
 2 quarter of fiscal year 2003.

3 **SEC. 4. RECALIBRATION OF CASELOAD REDUCTION CRED-**
 4 **IT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 407(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the
 6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607(b)(3)(A)(ii)) is amend-
 7 ed to read as follows:

8 “(ii) the average monthly number of
 9 families that received assistance under the
 10 State program funded under this part dur-
 11 ing the base year.”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 13 407(b)(3)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(b)(3)(B)) is
 14 amended by striking “and eligibility criteria” and all that
 15 follows through the close parenthesis and inserting “and
 16 the eligibility criteria in effect during the then applicable
 17 base year”.

18 (c) BASE YEAR DEFINED.—Section 407(b)(3) of
 19 such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(b)(3)) is amended by adding at
 20 the end the following:

21 “(C) BASE YEAR DEFINED.—In this para-
 22 graph, the term ‘base year’ means, with respect
 23 to a fiscal year—

24 “(i) if the fiscal year is fiscal year
 25 2004, fiscal year 1996;

1 “(ii) if the fiscal year is fiscal year
2 2005, fiscal year 1998;

3 “(iii) if the fiscal year is fiscal year
4 2006, fiscal year 2001; or

5 “(iv) if the fiscal year is fiscal year
6 2007 or any succeeding fiscal year, the
7 then 4th preceding fiscal year.”.

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